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Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders

May 8, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Gary Collings, Naomi Swiezy; Nina Brahm, Liz Freeman-Floyd, John Hill, Loui Lord Nelson, Susan Pieples, Cathy Pratt, Ann Schnepf, Kristen Schunk, Lilia Teninty, Sheila Wolfe

1) Presentation of Task Force Work Plan

Naomi Swiezy and Gary Collings presented a work plan to the group. Naomi stressed the importance of the work of the Task Force in addressing and improving systemic issues faced by individuals with ASD and their families. The Task Force will gather information from a variety of sources through informational presentations and research on best practices. The informational presentations will be grouped based on the related Task Force objectives – Training, _____. Each presentation will be debriefed and the content dissected based on the four objectives. Sub-committees will be created to review the content for each area and make recommendations to the Task Force.

2) Debrief of presentation on Waivers and DDRS programs

The group reviewed the Medicaid Waiver presentation and identified specific issues under each of the four areas that will be addressed by the Task Force.

3) Medicaid in Schools

John Hill gave an informational presentation on Medicaid in Indiana schools. For children on Medicaid, LEAs can bill Medicaid for appropriate services on each child's IEP. The Medicaid funding goes to the school corporation and for children on Medicaid Waivers, does not impact their waiver funding. Many states use this program at significant levels. Indiana schools are required to become Medicaid providers. A number of Indiana LEAs use the program, but it's full potential as a funding source has not been realized to date. The national conference on Medicaid in schools will be held in Indianapolis in October 2006.

Immediately following the presentation the group debriefed the information and content of the presentation.

4) Article 7

Nina Brahm reviewed draft revisions to Article 7. The group had several recommendations and edits.